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Tally Lake Ranger District Opens Area for Firewood

KALISPELL, MONT – The Tally Lake Ranger District will open approximately nine miles of road for personal-use firewood gathering in the Johnson Peak and Bill Creek areas. This will allow temporary access for woodcutting on some roads that are normally closed to motorized traffic yearlong. The area is expected to be open from daybreak Tuesday, July 1 until midnight Thursday, August 28, 2014.

The National Forest Service Roads (NFSR) to be opened are 2904, 11290, 11243, and 10271.

A Forest Service personal-use permit is available for a minimum of four cords of firewood for 20 dollars. Woodcutters must have their permit with them while collecting wood. Please read and follow all of terms written on your permit. These include:

- ✓ Standing or downed trees with paint or signs are not to be cut. Some trees behind these gates have been marked with paint and wildlife signs. These trees provide important habitat for many kinds of wildlife.
- ✓ Clear the road surface and ditches of tree tops and limbs when you are done cutting firewood and scatter or pile the material off of the roadway.
- ✓ All vehicles must remain on the road surface.

The area will be monitored for resource damage such as creating “stump roads” or the loss of marked wildlife trees. Violations could result in discontinuing the program. Public cooperation has been excellent in past years, and we ask firewood cutters using the area to help continue to make this a successful program.

To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable woodcutting outing, people visiting the area are asked to spread out, keep a lookout for other people and vehicles, and keep the road open and passable for others. Some of the roads have limited space where they end, so it is a good idea to turn your vehicle around before filling it with wood.

Maps of the woodcutting areas, as well as wood permits, are available at the Tally Lake Ranger District/Flathead National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Kalispell. Permits are also available from several commercial vendors throughout the area. For more information on special permits please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/flathead/passes-permits/>.

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